

18.(Originally submitted as claim 19) The utility basket of claim 15 wherein said door includes a locking mechanism for locking said door in plural opened and/or closed positions within said gap.

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21.(new) A utility basket, comprising:

a bottom floor;

a left wall and a right wall located above and connected to said bottom floor;

a back wall located between said left wall and said right wall and above said bottom floor, wherein said back wall is connected to said left wall, said right wall and said bottom floor;

a front wall having a gap formed thereof through which items enter and exit said utility basket; and

a front door assembled within the gap in said front wall, wherein said front door opens and closes vertically within a cavity formed in said front wall to thereby permit items to enter and exit said utility basket through said gap when said front door is in an opened position, while maintaining said items within said utility basket when said front door is in a partially closed or closed position.

wherein said retractable front door is fully opened as it is pushed downward within the cavity into a storage position located at the bottom floor of the utility basket and the front door can be adjusted to different positions up to full closure when it is pulled upward from the storage position towards a closed position.

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22.(new) The utility basket of claim 1 further comprising at least one retractable handle located near the back wall opposite the bottom floor and at least one wheel mounted on the external surface of the bottom floor, wherein said retractable handle and at least one wheel enable the utility basket to be maneuvered along the ground.